

RATIONALE FOR ASSIGNING/REQUESTING INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS

Incident Name Terwilliger Date and Time Needed August 27, 2018, 1000

Type of Incident Management Team Required: Area Command

NIMO

Type 1

Type 2

Justification Narrative for requesting a Type 2 IMT for the Terwilliger Fire on the Willamette NF.

Current Assigned IMT only has 4 days left, this incident has estimated 30 day to go. It will require a season ending event to end the fire.

Life threatening situations (firefighter or public safety)

The fire started adjacent to a high use recreation site, evacuations have occurred in the immediate area.

This is a very high use area between two ranger districts of the Willamette NF. Highway 126 runs between Eugene, OR and Bend, OR, this is a very high use thoroughfare. Impacts to this will be great if fire gets into the corridor. Coordination is beginning to occur with Lane County. There are many residences and businesses along this corridor.

Real Property Threatened

There is a very high value infrastructure located at the Cougar Reservoir dam, this feeds electricity to the areas of the Willamette valley to the west.

There is high value private timber ground immediately to the west of the fire area. Coordination and response to the fire is already occurring with ODF and the landowner reps.

There are hundreds of homes in the Upper McKenzie River drainage just north of the fire location.

High Damage Potential

This area had a road closure for several months and just recently opened, this area receives many visitors, local businesses highly depend on this economy. Impacts to the local timber owners could be great if fire is not kept off private lands.

Incident Complexity

The Terwilliger fire is on Willamette NF lands, it is directly to private lands that are protected by ODF South Cascades unit. The Cougar Reservoir is managed by the Army Corp of Engineers. Lane County is the emergency response agency for evacuations of the local citizens.

Fire has grown into wilderness and is growing towards private lands. The forest road 19 links the McKenzie

River RD and Middle Fork RD.

WFDSS decision is being worked on, with all that is being addressed this comes out as a T2 organization.

There are serious challenges with logistical support, resource availability is low throughout the nation, this is very demanding area to fight fire in.

Fires of this size on the Willamette have long durations upon getting started and become very challenging.

Media interest is already very high.

The Willamette has been in severity conditions for at least a month. The area is in a precipitation deficit. Fuels are very dry and receptive to fire ignition.

This fire appears to have spotted at least a half mile across the Cougar Res shortly after ignition.